

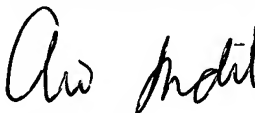
**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Due to an inadvertent error on the part of the Applicant's agent, the instant application was filed with claims identical to the claims filed with Application No. 10/670,255, which is another application filed by the Applicant on the same day as the instant application. This preliminary amendment corrects that error, and replaces the original claims with a new set of claims. No new matter has been added by this amendment, and no estoppels are intended thereby.

No fee is due in connection with the submission of this amendment. Please charge any fee deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2036 with reference to Docket No. 87245.1680.

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